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In re Application of: Gobara et al.  
Application No. 10/590596  
Filed: August 24 2006  
For: Information Processing Device, and Bubble  
Packet Transmission Method and Program

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL  
(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)  
UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII)

This is a decision on the petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. §102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII): Accelerated Examination, filed on August 24, 2006. The PTO regrets the delay in deciding this petition.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) states in relevant part:

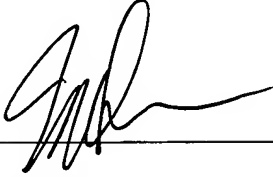
A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

- (a) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);
- (b) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status;
- (c) Submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. The pre-examination search must be directed to the invention as claimed in the application for which special status is requested. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement;
- (d) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and
- (e) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The Petition to Make Special is hereby **GRANTED** since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02(VIII) have been met.

A message will be forwarded to the examiner indicating this decision and the special handling of this application per MEP 708.02. If the application is subsequently allowed, it will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. §1309.

Tod Swann can be reached about this petition at (571-272-3612).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tod Swann', is written over a horizontal line.

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